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# BLACK FRIDAY

**It's finally here, the day that fearless bargain-hunters take to the stores in search of the best of the holiday sales.**

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Today's the day fearless shoppers take to the stores to duke it out over the best sales and hottest brands — Black Friday. But let's not forget another, lesser known retail holiday. Small Business Saturday happens nationwide tomorrow, on the heels of Black Friday, coaxing shoppers to support mom-and-pop shops and startups this holiday season. Read more inside and at **Metro.us.**

## WHERE DID THE NAME COME FROM?

1 The day was given its name as it is often the day that shops and retailers "move into the black," meaning they have enough money to cover their costs while reducing prices. Most people have Thanksgiving Day and the next day off, so usually people celebrating this holiday will have four days free to shop. Black Friday is not an official holiday, but California and some other states observe "The Day After Thanksgiving" as a holiday for state government employees. Recent years have seen retailers stay open longer or open earlier with special deals to entice customers. Black Friday started in the United States but the idea has now spread across the world, with many other countries also participating in the day, or week, of shopping frenzy.

## WAL-MART GEARS UP FOR A BUSY DAY

2 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said its U.S. stores will feature color-coded sections for different product categories on Black Friday as it prepares to compete for shoppers on one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Toys, electronics, apparel and other departments will be color-coded in-store for the first time so that shoppers can easily find deals. The codes will be available on the retailer's Black Friday circular and store maps. For years, Black Friday has marked the start of the holiday shopping season in the United States with retailers offering steep discounts. But its popularity has been on the wane with the rise of online shopping and inexpensive deals throughout the year. Wal-Mart will kick off Black Friday deals at 12:01 a.m. EST online on Thanksgiving morning and at 6 p.m. local time in its stores.

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# 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BLACK FRIDAY

## RETAILERS PIN HOPES ON BIG SALES

3 **Here are some highlights as we head into this year's Black Friday season:**

- **Of all retailers, department stores might be relying the most on having a great Black Friday to match and or exceed their quarterly estimates.**
- **The average merchandise discount is 37.3%, and it's been at this level for months, Thomson Reuters discovered in a collaboration with StyleSage Co.**
- **About 60% of the merchandise at midvalue stores will also be on sale this year compared to last, which could continue to hurt profits.**

## THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON BEGINS

4 Cyber Monday was created by marketing companies to persuade people to shop online on the Monday after Thanksgiving. The term was coined by Ellen Davis and Scott Silverman and made its debut Nov. 28, 2005 in a Shop.org press release titled "'Cyber Monday' Quickly Becoming One of the Biggest Online Shopping Days of the Year. The deals on Cyber Monday are online-only and generally offered by smaller retailers that cannot compete with the big retailers. Black Friday generally offers better deals on technology. In 2016, according to Adobe Digital Insights, Cyber Monday hit a new record with sales of $3.45 billion, and it's the first time online sales in a single day surpassed $3 billion. The numbers are up 12.1% from a year earlier.

## ONLINE DEALS VS. LAST YEAR

5 About 60% of the merchandise at department stores such as Macy's and Lord & Taylor will also be on sale this year compared to last, which could continue to hurt profits. Retailers have been ramping up their Black Friday promotions and emailing customers about the deals. However, the average promotional discount hasn't changed over the last two months, as Thomson Reuters discovered in a collaboration with StyleSage Co., which analyzes retailers, brands, online trends and products across the globe. Thus, the email discounts shoppers are receiving haven't changed over the last two months. In fact, the average discount is 37.3% and it's been at this level for months. What is changing is the frequency with which retailers are engaging in promotional messaging.

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# Pornhub opens pop-up fashion shop in SoHo

"It's much more of a brand store and a fashion store than a sex shop," VP Corey Price said of the Wooster Street store opening on Black Friday.

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Like much of SoHo, Wooster Street boasts an array of fashionable names such as Chanel, Céline, Ted Baker and Moschino. And starting today, that roster will also include Pornhub.

Yes, Pornhub, as in the adult-entertainment website that receives more than 75 million visitors every day. The 10-year-old company is opening its first fashion retail store in the heart of SoHo, and the pop-up location will be open at 70 Wooster St. until Dec. 20.

While it's a move that may be surprising to those who know Pornhub only as an adult-entertainment provider, a brick-and-mortar retail store is a natural progression for the brand, which launched Pornhub Apparel in 2015 and has since done Fashion Week collaborations with streetwear brands Hood By Air and Richardson.

While the Wooster Street store intends to simulate the look and feel of Pornhub's home page, thanks in part to a large-video screen that will show SFW content, that's pretty much where similarities end — though vistors still need to be 18 or older.

"If we were going to make a retail store, we wanted to make sure we were in New York in SoHo, where all the fashion brands are," Vice President Corey Price told Metro. "We see this as a fashion store; it's much more of a brand store and a fashion store than a sex shop."

Products include branded Pornhub items like hoodies, tank tops and accessories; reissues and additions to the Richardson collection; a collection from porn star Christy Mack to raise awareness for domestic violence; and a range of items from the Museum of Sex. There will also be a few sex toys from Ann Summers' line, but "they won't be the focus," Price said.

Tucked away in the back of the store is a faux-fur-covered bed, where visitors can interact with a camera that will livestream on Pornhub.com.

"We thought we'd have a way to incorporate the website into the store," Price explained, before adding that the bed is "only PG. It's a PG bed."

When asked if the Wooster Street pop-up is testing the waters for a more permanent New York-based Pornhub store, Price kept mum.

"Could be … we'll see how it goes," he said with a laugh.

Pornhub had been quietly setting up before Black Friday's grand opening, and Metro found a few mixed reactions to the adult-entertainment brand setting up shop for a few weeks.

Two Wooster Street residents who asked not to be named thought it was "atrocious" and a "mar" on neighboring stores, while Katia, 37, who lives nearby, saw no problem.

"If you don't like it, don't go in," she said.

*Pornhub's pop-up shop will be open at 70 Wooster St. from Black Friday to Dec. 20. Its hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Visitors must be 18 or older.*

Pornhub's SoHo pop-up will offer branded clothing, reissues of its recent collaboration with Richardson and more. PORNHUB

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# Small Business Saturday brings big benefits for many communities

The push to shop small has grown into a huge movement around the holiday season.

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Scouring for the best Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals has practically become a holiday tradition, but if you want a different kind of shopping experience that gives back to your own community, there's another option: Small Business Saturday.

American Express launched Small Business Saturday in 2010, and it has quickly become a new tradition to mark the start of the holiday shopping season.

The day is all about supporting companies in your community — everything from independent bookstores to local crafters to the cafe on the corner, said Nicole Reyhle, a spokeswoman for Small Business Saturday.

"Small businesses play a huge role in helping a community thrive all year long," she said. "When you show support by shopping small, dining at a family restaurant, visiting your favorite yoga studio, you're making a positive impact. It's important for consumers to rally around businesses that bring their hometowns to life, add vibrancy and strengthen the economy."

In the seven years since the first Small Business Saturday, that impact has been noticeable. Within the first few years, elected officials in all 50 states began showing their support and aiding in the effort to highlight local shops, Reyhle said.

Small Business Saturday helps consumers support their local communities, experts say. **COURTESY OF AMERICAN EXPRESS**

Last year, shoppers spent $15.4 billion across the country on Small Business Saturday alone, with 120 million people shopping and dining small.

This year, the eighth annual Small Business Saturday, is expected to be even bigger, as awareness has reached an all-time high at 61 percent, according to a survey released by the National Federation of Independent Business and American Express.

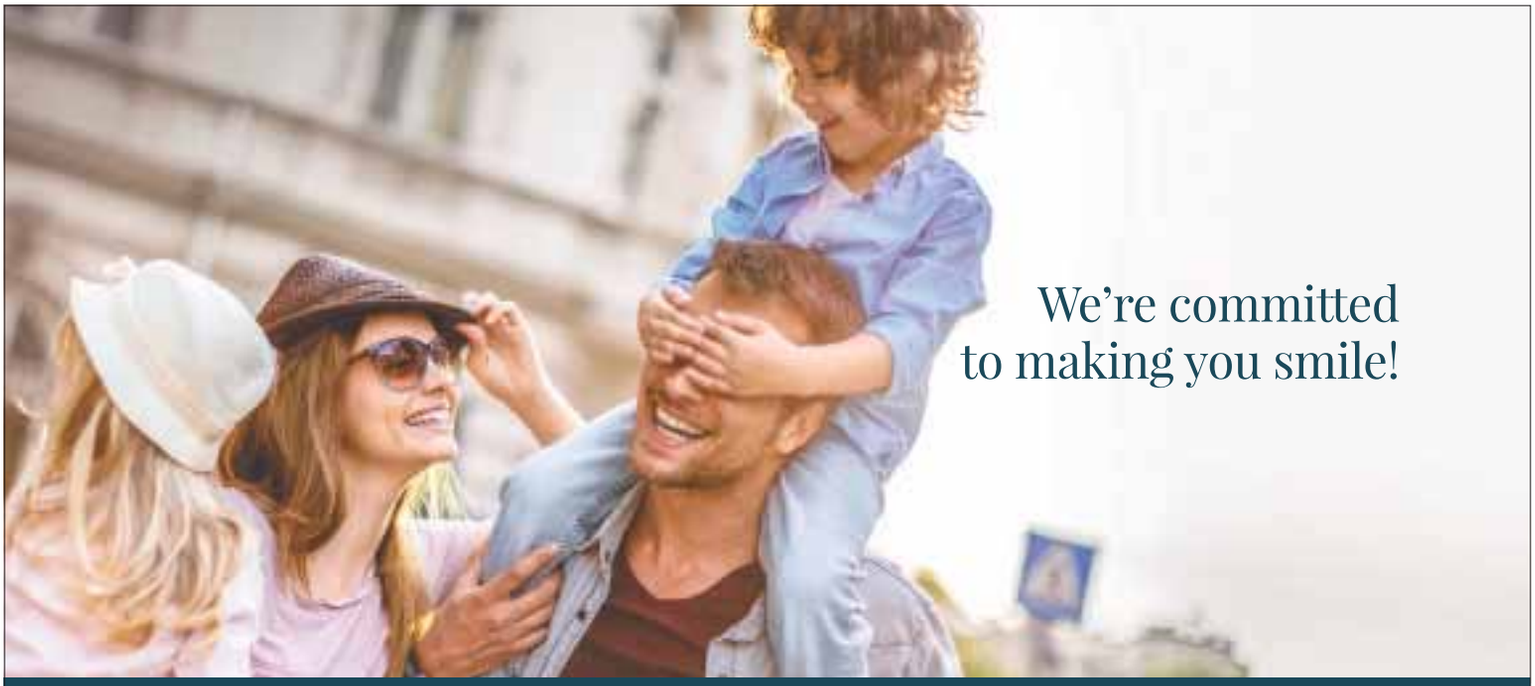
> ***"It's important for consumers to rally around businesses that bring their hometowns to life, add vibrancy and strengthen the economy."***
> Nicole Reyhle

"Small businesses truly do bring so much heartbeat to communities nationwide," Reyhle said. "As consumers become a part of this, they help celebrate the small businesses that truly make our neighborhoods feel like home."

A day to highlight local businesses can also open people's eyes to new shops or restaurants they've never checked out before — 86 percent of shoppers said the day inspires them to go to new retailers and restaurants, according to that survey.

It also keeps them shopping small, and thus supporting their community — 89 percent of shoppers surveyed said the day encourages them to shop local all year around.

To find local Small Business Saturday events and retailers near you, see the local map at shopsmall.com.



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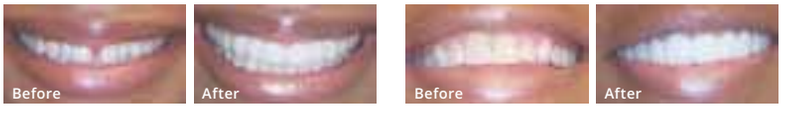


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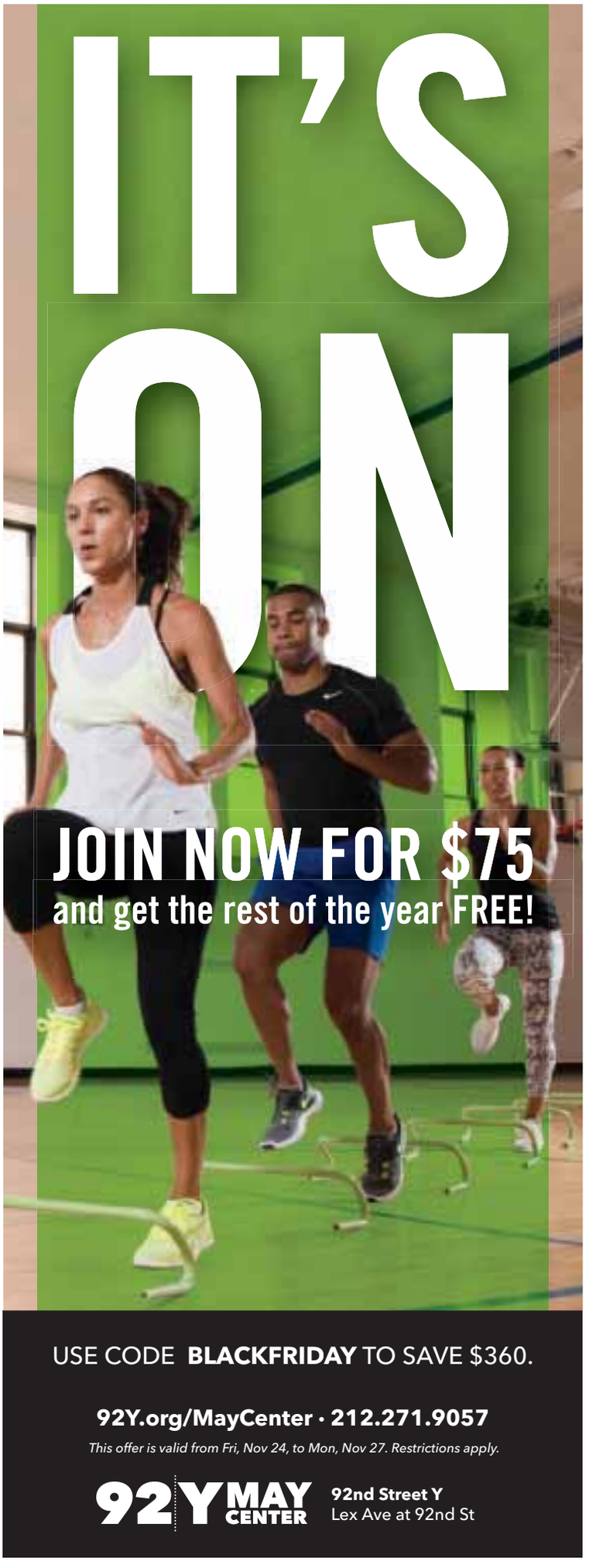
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ADHD can lead to a lack of concentration, but it can also allow the ability to hyperfocus. GETTY IMAGES

# People with ADHD can actually focus hard AF

Individuals with ADHD who can hyperfocus will focus on one task to the neglect of other things.

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Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, more commonly known as ADHD, is typically perceived as a disorder that causes the sufferer to easily lose focus, thus the word "deficit." However, people with ADHD are able to hyperfocus, more commonly known as focusing so hardcore, it's amazing.

People with ADHD can focus so intently, it's almost creepy.

"When individuals with ADHD hyperfocus on one thing, they tend to block out everything else going on around them," Kimberly Gordon, a psychiatrist at Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore, told Vice's Tonic. "The brain sends off signals of activity, pleasure, and engagement as they are immersed in a task while hyperfocused."

Hyperfocused isn't "I was working so hard, I missed lunch." People without the attention disorder can make a decision to plow through a task, but those with the hyperfocus symptom will focus on one task to the neglect of others.

What is happening in the brain of someone with ADHD?

This might all sound incongruent with what you know about the disorder, often called ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) by those outside the medical profession.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is caused by too little dopamine and norepinephrine, two neurotransmitters that play a role in your ability to focus.

"In order to get the neurotransmitters we need, people with ADHD latch onto the tasks that stimulate us, like playing a favorite game or reading about a topic we enjoy," Terena Bell wrote for Tonic. "We can then enter a zone where we're lost to everything around us, surrendered to a single task."

ADHD isn't a "deficit;" it can be a "gift."

"I see hyperfocus as a gift when applied well," Elaine Taylor-Klaus, cofounder of Atlanta consultancy group ImpactADHD, told Tonic. "Think surgeons, ER doctors, actors. My daughter [who has ADHD] is an amazingly talented actor, and I think it's because she can tune out the rest of the world and be completely present in the moment. It's amazing to witness."

"When managed, being able to hyperfocus ... is a strength that in many cases can lead to real-life benefits, such as a successful career in the arts, computer programming, piloting, engineering, conducting surgery — the options are endless, when it is managed under the supervision of a treatment plan."

Those are two very important words for someone with ADHD — treatment plan. Without treatment, ADHD can take a major toll on your life, making car accidents, getting fired from a job or substance abuse more likely. The divorce rate for couples with ADHD is double that of other married couples.

"ADHD is a medical condition and can lead to poor outcomes if untreated," Gordon said, "but [despite the negatives] no one should get the message that something is wrong with them or be reluctant to seek out treatment."

"Awareness is a key element in ADHD management," Taylor-Klaus added. "You can't recognize hyperfocus and redirect it if you don't realize that it's a thing in the first place."

People who grow up with an attention disorder are often told they're lazy, not motivated or not applying themselves. While you can't just do what you like all the time and ignore the rest of life, Gordon told Tonic that there needs to be some out-of-the-box thinking.

"The truth is that children and adults are not always allowed to reach their full potential or learn ways to adapt to how their brain works," Gordon said, "because society argues that there is only one way to get something done. Parents with children with ADHD must be creative and realistic."

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# The cold, hard truth about chilly showers

They're not pleasant, but cold showers do have some upsides.

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A long, hot shower might feel great, but fans of cold showers say that's the temperature to go for — not because of the sensation, but because of its benefits.

But is there really an upside to forcing yourself into an icy tub or shower?

There's some evidence to back it up: A 2016 study on 3,000 Dutch volunteers published in the journal PLoS One showed that a group who took cold showers for 90 days reported 29 percent fewer sick days than other groups who didn't have to take regular cold showers. However, they didn't feel sick less often — they were just more likely to go to work while sick.

Are there other benefits to taking cold showers? Yes, according to both science and fervent cold followers.

### Cold showers might make you feel more alert

Are you committed to your three-cups-a-day coffee habit? Try two minutes of a cold shower and you'll feel more alert, thanks to the endorphins.

"I would hop out of the shower, towel off, and take a look at myself in the mirror. My eyes were bulging. My chest and cheeks were flushed like I'd just run a mile," Drew Housman wrote in a post for Business Insider. "And you know that foggy feeling in your head you sometimes have for the first 10 to 20 minutes after waking up? That was gone. … I felt alert and energized."

### Cold showers might help improve productivity

Taking cold showers for an extended period of time takes a lot of discipline — and that discipline can translate to the rest of your life.

"After what I estimated to have been two minutes passed, I turned off the shower and prepared to start my day," Nick Greene wrote for Prevention. " And when I say prepared,' I mean it. I sat down and wrote a to-do list over breakfast. I felt great. I felt productive.

### Cold showers might help depression

The National Institute of Mental Health says that 6.9 percent of all Americans suffer from depression every year. Medication and therapy are often the first-line treatments for it, but a 2008 study found that people who went through a cold shower protocol for several weeks to months experienced relief from mild depressive symptoms. The researchers believe that the cold water sends "an overwhelming amount of electrical impulses" from peripheral nerve endings to the brain, producing an anti-depressive effect.

So, should you give up the comfort of a warm shower for a painful blast of cold? It can't hurt — and you might even save the planet with all the water you're saving.

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# A doctor claims he performed the first head transplant, but skeptics say it's not possible

A real-life Dr. Frankenstein is more fiction than fact, say experts.

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A controversial Italian doctor claims that he and a team of Chinese doctors performed the first successful head transplant using two human cadavers, according to The Telegraph, adding that the first transplant on live humans is "imminent."

The procedure took 18 hours to complete, according to Sergio Canavero, a doctor with the Turin Advanced Neuromodulation Group in Italy.

"For too long nature has dictated her rules to us," Canavero said at a press conference. "We're born, we grow, we age and we die. For millions of years humans have evolved and 100 billion humans have died. That's genocide on a mass scale. We have entered an age where we will take our destiny back in our hands. It will change everything. It will change you at every level."

The problem? Experts say that it's just like the novel "Frankenstein": fiction.

"It's not like putting a light bulb into a new socket," Arthur Caplan, a professor of bioethics at New York University's Langone Medical Center, told LiveScience. "If you move the head and the brain, you are putting it into a new chemical environment with new neurological input. I think it would drive the person crazy before they died."

**Why a head transplant won't work.**

There has been some success transplanting heads onto the bodies of animals. Xiaoping Ren of Harbin Medical University, China, successfully transplanted a head onto a monkey's body in 2016, though it died hours later. In another case, a dog started walking six weeks after a head transplant, albeit awkwardly.

"Based on the classic thinking about how nerves regenerate it was unbelievable," Michael Sarr, a former surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., told USA Today.

But the risks for humans are too great.

"There are too many risks at this point to go ahead with it," Assya Pascalev, a biomedical ethicist at Howard University in Washington, D.C., added to USA Today. "We don't have enough data with animal models, sufficient published and peer-reviewed results, and particularly data about morbidity and mortality on the animals that have had the procedure."

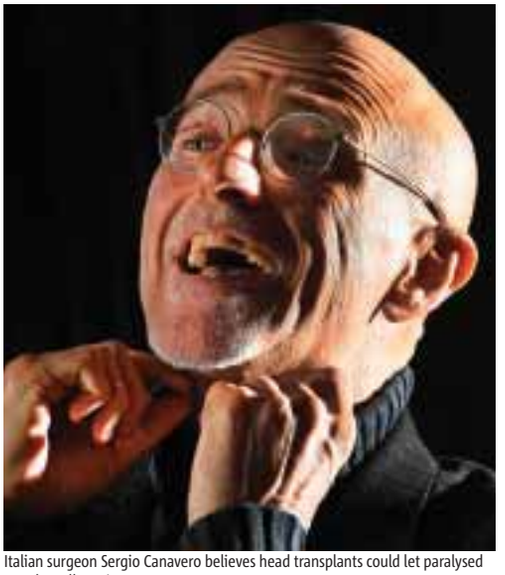
Plus, it's likely that the body would reject a new head.

"We have a face transplant program here [at NYU] — it is very difficult to just transplant the face," Caplan told LiveScience. "It requires massive doses of immunosuppressants" in order to keep the body from rejecting it.

"The head would be an even bigger problem, requiring even bigger doses," Caplan added. "It would probably kill you in a few years from rejection or infection."

A successful transplant would also require the proper connection of nerves and blood vessels in the brain and spinal cord from the donor's body to the living person. And even if it did work the human probably wouldn't regain consciousness or have a quality of life.

"It's cruel, and it certainly is a recipe for a disaster," Caplan said.



Italian surgeon Sergio Canavero believes head transplants could let paralysed people walk again. GETTY IMAGES

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# Despite Amazon, physical stores aren't dead yet

Reports of brick-and-mortar retail's death may be mildly exaggerated.

Just in time for the Black Friday kick-off to holiday shopping, stock-market investors have been handed tools to bet on the decline of brick-and-mortar retail. As of last week, these tools were not yet for sale on Amazon.

An exchange-traded fund launched last week allows investors to bet on the decline of traditional retail, and a second one doubles down by betting at the same time on the rise to supremacy of online sales.

The Decline of Retail Stores ETF and the Long Online Short Stores ETF are self-explanatory. The main index they track inversely, the equal-weighted Solactive-ProShares Bricks and Mortar Retail Store Index, is composed of 64 retailers including Barnes & Noble, Sears, Office Depot, Macy's and Walmart, which have chains of physical stores as well as online presence.

The trend to online shopping is not new, but with online taking only a fraction of all retail sales, the ETFs expect to capitalize on the long-term trend.

"Online penetration is about 10 percent right now, so there is a long way ahead for the strategy, in our opinion," said Michael Sapir, CEO of ProShare Advisors in Bethesda, Maryland. "A minority of brick-and-mortar [retailers] will be able to make the transition, and it is going to be expensive and painful."

So far this year, the S&P 500 retail index is up 20 percent but only half of its 29 components have had a positive price return. Amazon, up over 50 percent this year at $1,129.88, has alone added $192 billion in market capitalization in 2017.

Shoppers enter a Walmart store on Nov. 20, 2007, in Secaucus, New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

The full index has gained roughly $230 billion.

Glen Kacher, whose Light Street Capital Management hedge fund was up 53 percent from January to October, said he is "shorting almost every retailer," betting their share prices will fall.

Kacher said many big retailers have failed to adapt to changing customer preferences, lagging behind even some corner delis that now use technology that lets people buy their breakfast sandwiches and coffee in seconds with the tap of a finger.

"The retailing industry is going to be an apocalypse," he said, without identifying which retailers will go down in flames. "Anyone working in the consumer retailing industry … should be training for a new job."

Reports of the death of brick-and-mortar retail could be mildly exaggerated, however.

Retail and food service sales in the United States during the first three quarters of 2017 totaled $4.78 trillion, with the $484.4 billion in September a monthly record high, according to U.S. government data.

About 164 million Americans planned to shop during the weekend after Thanksgiving, including on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, according to the National Retail Federation.

A combination of online presence and easy access for consumers known as "click and mortar" will allow some names to survive by letting their customers browse all their options online while offering the convenience of a quick pickup of the product on their drive home.

"Unless you know exactly what you're going to order and it is mass market, you don't go to Amazon," said Kim Forrest, senior equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh.

"Holiday shopping means meaningful gifts. If you're a good retailer, you can take advantage of that." REUTERS

# Doctors might soon be able to test for concussions using saliva

Testing saliva for concussion symptoms is potentially more accurate than traditional methods.

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It's estimated that Americans suffer from 1.6 million to 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related concussions every year, according to the Brain Injury Research Institute. Many of these concussions are minor and cause no serious damage to the brain, but others can cause long-term problems and even death.

Doctors typically diagnose mild concussions by asking questions to judge cognitive reactions, but a new discovery by researchers at Penn State College of Medicine might soon change that. According to their new study, published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics, the researchers found five small molecules in saliva that can help identify concussion symptoms in kids, teens and younger adults. The molecules — known as MicroRNAs — influence the activity of protein in the body and are easily measured in bodily fluids, including saliva.

These MicroRNAs could predict the symptoms of concussions in children with 85 percent accuracy, according to Dr. Steve Hicks, senior study author and assistant professor of pediatrics at Penn State College of Medicine. Traditional surveys by doctors are only about 65 percent accurate, he added.

A new discovery may change the way doctors diagnose brain injuries.
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For the study, Hicks and his team looked at the saliva of 52 patients ranging from seven to 21 who had come to the Penn State Hershey State Medical Center for evaluation after sport injuries or car accidents.

Of the 52, 22 had symptoms of a mild traumatic brain injuries, while another 30 showed more long-term damage. The team was able to accurately predict the more serious injuries by measuring the MicroRNAs in five of the children — even more accurately than the typical questionnaire doctors use to diagnose mild concussions.

"Fortunately, the technology required to measure saliva RNA is already employed in medicine; we use it to check patients for upper respiratory viruses in our hospitals and clinics every day," Hicks told CNN. "Modifying this approach for patients with concussions could potentially provide a rapid, objective tool for managing brain injury."

The next step is to use the same approach on members of the military.

"Because the markers we identified in this study are not correlated with patient age, we are hopeful they may be applied in adult populations, as well," Hicks added.

"Fortunately, the technology required to measure saliva RNA is already employed in medicine; we use it to check patients for upper respiratory viruses in our hospitals and clinics every day," Dr. Steve Hicks, the study's senior author, told CNN. "Modifying this approach for patients with concussions could potentially provide a rapid, objective tool for managing brain injury."

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Luca Guadagnino's romantic drama — out on November 24 — offers a good deal of pure, romantic moments. SONY CLASSIC PICTURES

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# The passion of Armie Hammer and Timothée Chalamet

How the "Call Me By Your Name" stars created their high-chemistry, cinematic bond off screen.

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"Call Me By Your Name" is a film so tender and romantic that it sweeps you off your feet.

The reason why the film resonates so strongly, though, is because a palpable sense of love flows throughout it. And that can be credited to director Luca Guadagnino.

Timothée Chalamet, the film's 21-year-old co-star says that the Italian filmmaker served very much as a guide on set. "We always thought that he had his finger on the pulse of what the relationship was," he says. "And what the characters were."

The hit romantic drama, which has been drawing plaudits since its premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, is buoyed by the performances of both Chalamet and "Nocturnal Animals" alum Armie Hammer. Luckily, the actors instantly clicked.

"Me and Armie just got lucky that we hit it off as human beings," Chalamet explains over the phone. "We never read with each other for the role. We just got along really well."

"We met in Italy," Hammer adds. "And then they gave us the luxury of a bunch of free time. We had three to four weeks [together] before shooting, so we ate every meal together, biked around town. Fortunately, we just genuinely liked each other. So it wasn't like we were just stuck together."

The 31-year-old also admits that it wasn't just the two lead actors that felt this rapport.

"Everyone felt this passion on set," he says. "It was ubiquitous. It was for [director] Luca [Guadagnino], it was for Giulia [Piersanti] our costume designer, it was for Sayombhu [Mukdeeprom] our DP.

"It felt like an adult version of summer camp," he continues. "I was like, 'I f—king love all of these people. This is the greatest summer of my life. I never want it to end.'"

One might think that "Call Me By Your Name" has struck such a chord with critics and audiences because it functions as a sort of antidote to the current political climate — and the sexual harassment exposes that have been rocking Hollywood. But Hammer insists audiences are simply responding to a pure portrayal of love onscreen.

"You never know when [a film] comes out whether it will be zeitgeisty," he says. "We made a movie that, right now people feel is pressing. We made a movie that people are responding to, because they are responding to the fact that love is love is love.

"And that's it," Hammer says. "It feels nice."

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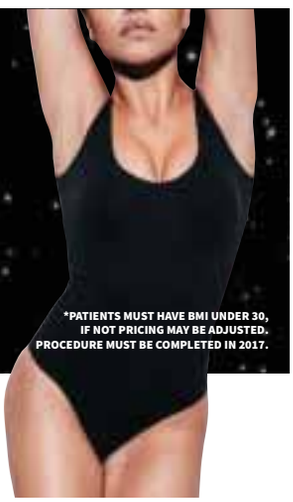

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## "Coco"

**Director:** Lee Unkrich
**Stars:** Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal
**Rating:** PG-13

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"Coco" is proof that Pixar should continue making original films. Delving into an bright and imaginative version of the afterlife — based on the Mexican holiday Dia de Muertos — the animated film creates a vivid and colorful world.

There are elements that don't work, though. The basis of the plot, that a family would have a generation-spanning ban on music, is just a little too far-fetched. The plot proves predictable, lacking any real surprises to pull you in. And while the film its funny moments, it never tips into being hilarious.

Nonetheless, the heart and emotion of "Coco" is pitch perfect. You're never not-invested, and sometimes you're even on the verge of tears. While it may not reach the heights of its Pixar predecessors, "Coco" still shows the studio is brimming with the kind of bold ideas, brilliance, and creativity that its Hollywood rivals still aren't anywhere near to matching. GREGORY WAKEMAN

## "The Man Who Invented Christmas"

**Director:** Bharat Nalluri
**Stars:** Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer
**Rating:** PG-13

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Not all of "The Man Who Invented Christmas" works. But the film deserves kudos for somehow bringing Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to life in an original way.

Director Bharat Nalluri and writer Susan Coyne lean hard into the Victorian period, detailing the work it took to bring "A Christmas Carol" to life and the fantastical elements that Dickens imbued in his characters. And Dan Stevens — and the manic energy he delivers — elevates "The Man Who Invented Christmas," making the film feel like more than the sum of its parts.

Otherwise, the film is mostly informative, neither building or ebbing considerably. At the very least, it comes full circle and celebrates the spirit of the season, much like "A Christmas Carol" did. And it does so in such a well-meaning manner that you can't help but feel a little heartened by it. GW

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## "Call Me By Your Name"

**Director:** Luca Guadagnino
**Stars:** Armie Hammer, Timothee Chalamet, Michael Stuhlbarg
**Rating:** R

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Words can't fully describe my infatuation with "Call Me By Your Name." It is such an all-consuming depiction of love it leaves you battered, bruised and exhausted. Yet you still find yourself yearning — and returning — to its beauty. Much like being in love itself.

Director Luca Guadagnino connects Armie Hammer and Timothee Chalamet's characters in such an intimate manner that the screen between audience and character dissipates. Under Guadagnino's guidance, Hammer and Chalamet forge not only a genuine dynamic, but a friendship, bond and love that is so perceptive and strong it taps into the viewer's own experiences.

Even two months after watching "Call Me By Your Name" for the first time, I'm still in awe. It's much more than one of the best films of 2017. It's what cinema is really all about. GW

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## Lord & Taylor

For its 80th annual holiday display, Lord & Taylor's The Best And The Brightest take visitors on a journey via more than 60 "enchanted" snowglobes spread across five animated windows including a vintage circus and a starry nightscape of the Manhattan skyline. In addition, the store teamed up with Hallmark Channel to create a series of windows along 38th Street featuring special animations that count down to Christmas. *424 Fifth Ave., Midtown*

## Tiffany & Co.

Wooden drawing puppets frolic in playful scenarios across Tiffany & Co's glittering holiday windows, among Christmas trees decorated in diamonds and an engagement ring hooked during a lucky ice fishing expedition. *727 Fifth Ave.*

## Saks Fifth Avenue

Besides transforming its exterior into a castle straight out of a Disney movie (as usual) — with scheduled light and musical shows — Saks Fifth Avenue chose the story of Snow White for its windows. Once Upon a Holiday follows her journey from meeting the Seven Dwarves all the way to her happy ending across 14 scenes, all of them animated for the first time. *611 Fifth Ave.*

## Macy's

Macy's did a little multitasking this year, tipping its hat to the city's theater scene with six windows along Broadway honoring the artistry and energy of the city's grand stages. Its windows along Seventh Avenue are themed to its revival of FAO Schwartz for the holidays, complete with giant playable piano, with displays of beloved traditions and the arrival of Santa (meet him on the eighth floor — by appointment only though!). *151 W. 34th St.*

## Bergdorf Goodman

Glitter-covered dinosaur skeletons and a dramatic red neon light show illuminating classical instruments are all part of Bergdorf Goodman's To New York With Love tribute highlighting seven of our most vibrant cultural institutions, like the Museum of the Moving Image and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. *754 Fifth Ave.*

## Barneys

At its downtown shop, Barneys goes Haas for the Holidays courtesy of The Haas Brothers, starring a peace-loving snake ironically named Rowdy Roddy Viper in a story called Snake Love, Not War. (101 Seventh Ave.) On Madison Avenue, the story of evolution from before man to a speculative future is laid out across four windows. *660 Madison Ave.*

## Bloomingdale's

Over 7 million Swarovski crystals went into Bloomingdale's holiday windows depicting moments from "The Greatest Showman," the story of how P.T. Barnum created the Greatest Show on Earth in theaters Dec. 20. The six windows glitter with scenes from the movie including strong men and snake charmers, plus interactive elements and songs from the film. The magic continues inside with circus-themed displays throughout the store. *1000 Third Ave.*

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Jordan Peele's genre-changing horror-thriller "Get Out" is meant to be seen in theaters, which is where it returns this weekend at Nitehawk Cinema. A black man agrees to spend a weekend in upstate New York meeting his white girlfriend's parents — something many of us will be doing this holiday weekend — except the invitation turns out to be of a more permanent kind. Commentary on racism has never been so astute. **Nov. 24, midnight, Nitehawk Williamsburg, 136 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, $12, nitehawkcinema.com**

**SHOPPING**

## La Femme Young & Able Pop-Up

Whether you're shopping for others or treating yourself, do it by supporting female entrepreneurs at La Femme Young & Able Pop-Up. The market offers unique items created, curated and sold by over 100 female leaders through more than 20 small businesses like New York Makers, Eat Chic Chocolates and WOOLN. There are also events, like a weaving party, and workshops ranging from perfume-making to bonsai care. **Through Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Refinery Hotel, 63 W. 38th St., free, shopyoungandable.com**

## Brooklyn Holiday Bazaar

Your friends might seem a little too cool for you sometimes, but you'll find gifts that will impress even the most artsy and eclectic of your crew at the Brooklyn Holiday Bazaar. Spanning two buildings in Gowanus, the market brings together over 60 vendors selling items ranging from handmade jewelry and candles to knitwear and maps. There's also snacks, crafts, a photobooth and a DJ — so you can make a full afternoon of it. **Nov. 25-26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 501 Union St. & The Green Building, Brooklyn, free, brooklynholidaybazaar.com**

**FOOD**

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**MEET SANTA**

## Macy's Santa Land at Herald Square

We all love a great child-crying-on-Santa's-lap pic, but it's not as much fun for the parents trying to wrangle those screaming, kicking kids. Great news, though: Macy's Santa Land has a new online system for reserving your place in line so that you can just show up with your angelic offspring and swoop in for your photo without an epic meltdown. It's free to explore the 13,000-square-foot fantasyland, and tots get a souvenir. **Nov. 24-Dec. 24, Macy's Herald Square, 151 W. 34th St., Free, macys.com**

**GROWN-UP CHRISTMAS**

## Holiday Train Show: Bar Car Nights

Enjoy a special after-dark look at the New York Botanical Garden's annual Holiday Train Show during Bar Car Nights, when the adults make a pact to leave the kids at home and enjoy signature cocktails while taking in the exhibit, warming up by the new Visitor Center Fire Pit, watching live piano shows at the Pine Tree Cafe or enjoying performances from the Snow Globe Dancers. **Nov. 24-Jan. 13, New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., Brooklyn, $35, nybg.org**

**MUSIC**

## The Complete Pink Floyd Experience

For the past decade, Beyond the Wall has been chasing the rainbow, so to speak, in pursuing its goal to be the most authentic Pink Floyd cover band around. The five musicians play everything from the mainstream hits to the more obscure tributes — or simply straight through albums to satisfy purists. Swing by their show at the Highline Ballroom this Friday for a trippy good time. **Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Highline Ballroom, 431 W. 16th St., $20-$35, highlineballroom.com**

**WINTER**

## Winter on a Flatbush Farm

How did people survive winter before indoor heating and Uggs? No, seriously: How did they? You can find out with an interactive, educational day at the Lefferts Historic House. Travel back in time to the 1800s and learn about skills like churning butter, candle-making and spinning wool. You'll also get to sample Dutch treats that got our ancestors through those long, cold, dark winter days — and stick around for a visit from St. Nick. **Nov. 26, 1-3 p.m., Lefferts Historic House, 252 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, Free (RSVP), prospectpark.org**

**DANCE**

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## George Balanchine's 'The Nutcracker'

A seasonal tradition, George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" has helped define the holidays since its debut in 1954. The New York City Ballet brings the beloved choreography to life with a cast of 90 exquisite dancers, with Tchaikovsky's unforgettable score played by a live 62-piece orchestra from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Whether it's the first time or the 50th, the ballet's grandeur never fails to impress. **Nov. 24-Dec. 31, David H. Koch Theater, 20 Lincoln Center Plaza, $40-$300, nycballet.com**

# You're hungover AF. Now what?

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'Tis the season for nausea, headaches and soul-destroying pain.

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If you're like most Americans, you'll consume more alcohol over the next six weeks than in four entire calendar months. And godspeed, friend. So long as you're prepared for the aftermath of an office party gone wild, a family feast where they only thing to look forward to is the free-flowing wine, or just a night of one too many fireballs.

Your day may be blown, but there're a few ways you can ease the pain. Most old wives' tales don't cut the mustard, but a few actually stand up to scientific reasoning. Let's take a look (albeit a squinty one, and in a dark room — preferably under the covers) at some ways to cope with your post-party depression.

**Hands-on help, at least in the short term**

You've known this to be a feel-good past-time since you were a teen. And now that you're of age (and still in bed) you may as well administer some self-care.

We're talking about masturbating.

When a person has an orgasm, his or her body has all sorts of chemical "WOW!" moments. Pain tolerance is elevated, physiological markers of stress and anxiety show huge drops, and a subsequent elation and sense of relaxation is the general consensus. So for quick relief from the ouch, get thyself off.

Be forewarned — the effects linger about as long as it would take for a one-night stand to gather up clothes and head out the door; generally speaking, your chemical levels will return to hurtsville in five to 10 minutes. But wasn't that nice?

**Electrolytes**

The big glass of water and aspirin by the bedside may seem more civilized than a fluorescent fluid, but a sports drink will get you over the hump much faster than a tipple from the tap.

The sooner you replace the salt and potassium your body has lost to booze, the better you'll feel. There are several over-the-counter brands marketing themselves as hangover cures that are basically just Gatorade tablets, but you're just as well off sipping the original, champ.

**Eastern MMM-edicine**

You're body's gagging for electrolytes and salt, per above, so if you're not too sick to the stomach, feed the beast with broth. A spicy ramen, pho or even chicken noodle soup (with a few splashes of hot sauce) will help put your head back in the game.

Is your belly too bruised to even consider soup? Grab some ginger chews. Ginger settles the stomach and will help prime the pump for future food.

**Marijuana**

If you're already a fan, living in a state where it's legal or have a prescription for the stuff, you already know that pot works wonders on pain, and also inspires appetite. (Hey, even without the hall pass you may also be aware of the effects of weed on the body.) So if you have the luxury of taking it easy on your recovery day, marijuana will take the edge off, and also help you get more of what works the absolute best as a cure: Taco Bell sleep.

Be well, wino. We're right there with you.

Noodle soup for the hole ... in your head.

# Tree farm harvest

A worker at Holiday Tree Farms throws a freshly harvested Christmas tree onto a pile of trees that are ready to be shipped at the Beaver Creek shipping yard in Philomath, Oregon. The Christmas tree harvest is underway at Holiday Tree Farms, the biggest grower of holiday trees in the United States, as workers harvest and ship an estimated one million trees ahead of the Christmas holiday.

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A helicopter drops a bundle of freshly harvested trees into a truck.

A truck drops a load of freshly harvested Christmas trees at the Holiday Tree Farms Beaver Creek shipping yard.

# Surviving the first week of a new diet

It may be sweater season, but the turkey won't un-stuff itself.

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The nation's biggest drinking day (Wednesday) and overeating bonanza (Thursday) are behind us, and the mirror may be reflecting it. Sure, there are still more holiday gatherings on the calendar, but why not jump-start a transformation now rather than on New Year's Day … when resolutions are made just to be broken?

The first few days of a new diet are always tough, especially while there's still pie in the fridge, but you've got this! Follow these suggestions in order to survive at least until 2018.

## Lay off the leftovers

The hardest part is letting go … of your traditional faves. Bring the leftovers to work, send them home with your guests or relegate them to the deep recesses of your freezer (where those Halo Tops masquerading as ice cream are currently). You've had your day of indulgence and it's time to start fresh.

By fresh, we mean buying fresh. Rule of thumb? Only shop along the perimeters of your supermarket (all the crap is in the middle, but along the outer walls you'll find the fresh stuff), and think of it as an opportunity to give your fridge a makeover.

## Make a plan

It's easy to get overwhelmed when making sweeping changes to your diet. But a map's easier to follow when it's detailed and you know what to expect in advance (not like when Siri springs a "turn right in 5 feet" on you). Once you've established the right diet for you, be it a reduction in carbs or meat or sugar or gluten, an increase in vegetables, eliminating certain crutch foods or otherwise, plot what you need and when on a calendar. A "to do" list is easily ignored when it's not written down in front of you or on your phone.

## Meal and snack prep

Spending a Sunday afternoon dicing, poaching, measuring and Tupperwaring (it's a word now) a week's worth of meals isn't just a gym-bro move these days. And it can be a reliable tactic when you have holiday parties to attend. If you're able to stick to what's in your bag rather than hovering over the spinach dip or succumbing to takeout after a late night of merrymaking, that's you succeeding at this!

## Dip your toe rather than diving right in

Like all changes, you're less likely to embrace a complete 360 when it comes to your daily food and beverage intake than you would be to a gradual shift. It's much easier (on your mind as well as your gut) to slowly introduce or restrict items. If you're new to paleo and go whole hog from day one, you may feel a bit wonky; similarly, a no-carb life change will find pasta fans famished … at first. Give yourself some leeway so you're ready to crush this on Jan. 1 when everyone else is suffering.

## App it each day

There are several apps, many of which are free, that help you track your energy consumption and output. That is to say you don't need to keep an old-fashioned food journal — rather, scan barcodes and track every cup of coffee and you'll see a report on your daily calories, protein, fat and more. And each flight of stairs climbed will count against that total. It'll become as addictive as sugar-free Candy Crush before you know it.

## Scale, no!

A major deterrent for new dieters is that you won't see success immediately (millennials: WHAT?!). This isn't because you're doing anything wrong. It takes time to see changes outwardly, and if you try to judge success by numbers on a scale, prepare to be disappointed at first. Hopefully you've cut drinks high in sugar and have replaced them with loads and loads of water. Well, guess what – water carries short-term weight. Your body's on a slow journey of transformation. Just feel smug that you're a month ahead of everyone else.

# The best retro basketball shoes to snag this holiday season

For every basketball fan in your life, you can't go wrong with these throwback sneakers as a holiday gift.

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Sure, you can be that plain-old basketball fan that's walking around in the latest pair of Stephen Currys or KD's or even LeBrons.

But before this new crop of NBA stars changed the shoe game, countless fanatics were clamoring for Reeboks, Converses and even Etonics.

That's right kids, it just wasn't always about Nikes or Jordans.

I've been out of the sneaker game for a long time, I'll admit it. You won't find me camping on long lines for the latest pair of kicks.

They still call them kicks, right?

Regardless, major shoe companies have been mindful of their older clientele by rebooting some of their most iconic styles from the 1980s and '90s.

It has rekindled the interest of dormant sneakerheads and provides those who want that one-of-a-kind look with the perfect outlet.

Sure, there were some questionable designs with colorways that make you question your eyesight. But nothing says you know your basketball history quite like owning a few pairs of kicks (yes, I said it again).

With Black Friday officially upon us and the holiday shopping season ready to get into full swing, shoppers looking for the perfect gift for their favorite sneakerhead can start formulating some ideas here.

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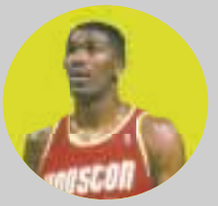

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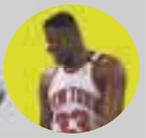

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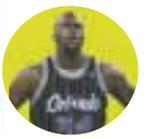

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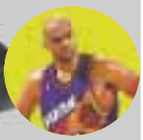

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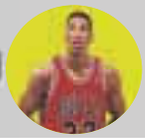

## REEBOK ANSWER IV

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# Meet Shohei Otani: Japan's Babe Ruth

Major League Baseball is preparing for the arrival of the Japanese star as early as next week.

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Ready or not, here he comes.

This week, Major League Baseball, MLBPA and Nippon Professional Baseball in Japan reached a tentative three-year posting agreement allowing prospective star Shohei Otani to make the jump to the United States.

The earliest he can be posted on the market is next Friday.

The 23-year-old has been dubbed as Japan's Babe Ruth because of his two-way capabilities as a pitcher and power hitter.

Given the promise he holds, numerous MLB teams will be looking to pursue Otani. However, Jon Heyman of FanRag Sports reported earlier this week that the New York Yankees are the "supreme favorites" to sign him.

So what kind of player will Major League Baseball be getting? Here is how he panned out in Japan.

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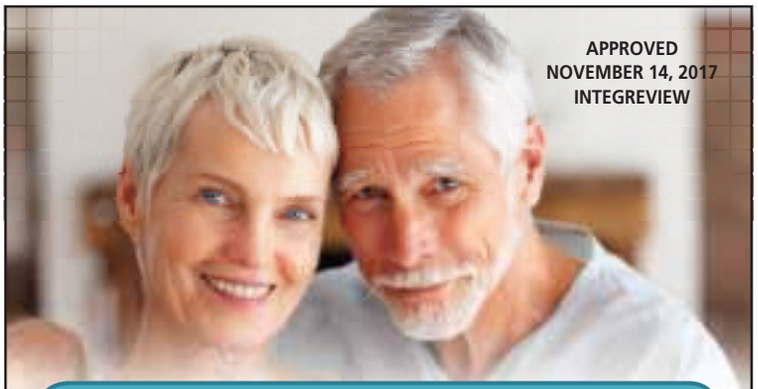


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After three games on Thanksgiving, a usual Sunday slate kicks off at 1 p.m. Watch out for Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers in Week 12. GETTY IMAGES

## Quick picks

(Picks in ***Bold***)
***Titans*** (-3.5) at Colts
Buccaneers at ***Falcons*** (-10.5)
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Patriots (-6.5) at ***Raiders***
***Saints*** at Rams (-2.5)
Packers at ***Steelers*** (-14)
Texans at ***Ravens*** (-7)

# NFL Week 12 best bets

A gambling guide for your NFL weekend.

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The Panthers, Eagles and Jaguars are good places to place your money in Week 12 action this Sunday.

**Carolina Panthers (-4.5) at New York Jets**
The Panthers and Jets are both coming off a bye and have rewarded their backers all year (both 6-3-1 ATS), but that's where the similarities end.

The Panthers, winners of three straight, have been hogging the ball all season, ranking first in time of possession. Their seventh-rated rushing attack faces the Jets' 23rd-ranked run stoppers, so they should be able to grind away at the game clock while piling up yardage. By contrast, the Josh McCown-led Jets' offense (25th by YPG) looks overmatched against Carolina's second-ranked defense by the same measure. The Panthers' swarming pass rush (fourth with 29 sacks) should have a field day against New York's O-line, which is fifth-worst in the league.

Cam Newton and company should control this contest from start to finish. They are the best bet of the week.
**The pick**: Panthers -4.5

**Chicago Bears at Philadelphia Eagles (-11)**
The Eagles (9-1, 8-2 ATS) have few weaknesses and little to fear facing the Bears this Sunday.

Chicago likes to move the ball on the ground with Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen but they'll face a stern test against Philly's top-ranked run prevention unit. Mitchell Trubisky has been uneven when allowed to throw, so he seems ill-equipped to take advantage of the Eagles' 19th-rated pass defense.

The Bears' defense has struggled of late, as they've allowed over 360 YPG during their three-game losing streak. Philly's offense has proven to be dynamic, beating teams on the ground with LeGarrette Blount and Jay Ajayi and through the air with Carson Wentz. This is a big number, but the Eagles should cruise at home.
**The pick:** Eagles -11

**Jacksonville Jaguars (-4.5) at Arizona Cardinals**
The Jaguars have been a pleasant surprise this season and have been able to take their show on the road. In fact, they've covered the spread in seven of their last eight road contests. Meanwhile, betting the Cardinals has been like lighting money on fire, as they're 2-7-1 ATS this year.

Jacksonville is an "old school" team, as they've relied on a stout running attack led by Leonard Fournette and a fearsome defense. Arizona's stoppers are 10th against the rush but have had difficulty controlling run-happy teams like the Eagles, Rams, and most recently, the Texans. The Cardinals' offense has lacked punch of late (14.25 PPG last four games) and third-string quarterback Blaine Gabbert will be under duress against the unrelenting Jaguars pass rush (40 sacks, most in the NFL).

Jacksonville has the edge in far too many departments to give the Cardinals a fighting chance to cover.
**The pick:** Jaguars -4.5

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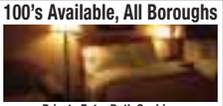

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Plaintiff AGAINST Yomi Jagunna f/k/a Tajudeen A. Jagunna, et al, Defendant.
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BLOCK: 12383, LOT: 46.
Approximate amount of judgment is $431,014.34 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment
Index # 006243/2010
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
US Bank National Association as trustee for the Certificate holders CitiGroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2007-AMC1,
Plaintiff AGAINST Petula Graham; et al., Defendant(s)
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Approximate amount of judgment $622,321.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 701757/2014.
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COUNTY OF QUEENS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff AGAINST
DAWNYELL GAINES, et al.,
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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF COLONIAL TOWNHOUSES CONDOMINIUM, Pltf. vs.
JOSEPH REGINA, et al. Defts. Index #702258-14.

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure of a common charge lien and sale dated Sept. 15, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. prem. k/a 65-09 242nd St., Unit 5D, Douglaston, NY 11362.

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5 MOMA artist
9 Exact duplicate
13 Nimbuses
15 Q.E.D. part
16 Porpoise relative
17 Concede
18 Payroll deduction
19 Count -- --!
20 Undressed
22 Diminish
24 Train unit
25 Finish first
26 Strive
27 Michener novel
31 Garden hoppers
33 Like some jobs
34 TV role for Burr
37 Lighten up
38 Cancels
39 Before Wed.
41 With fits and starts
43 Punch server
44 Hazard
45 Most immaculate
46 Incoming-plane stat
49 Computer key
50 First space lab
51 Ancient scrolls
53 Jellystone denizen (2 wds.)
58 NYC theater award
59 Ajar
61 Daredevil's attribute
62 NE state
63 Giza's river
64 Golf and bridge
65 Harleys, to some
66 Equinox mo.
67 Social asset

**Down**

1 Food fish
2 Arroyo
3 Mendicant's shout
4 Roulette color
5 Put off till later
6 Very dry
7 Resin
8 Dante and Da Vinci
9 Male cats
10 Seize forcibly
11 Colder
12 Pram pusher
14 Thickset
21 Moo companion
23 Runs its course
25 Coach -- Hayes
27 Hole in one
28 Hula-dance fete
29 Org.
30 Rams and lambs
31 Quavering sound
32 Ravi's forte
34 Column type
35 Kind of ranch
36 Underwater shockers
38 Accounts
40 Movie-lot locale
42 Go off course
43 Enticing
45 Farm denizen
46 Notable time
47 Forbidden
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53 Sharp bark
54 Cop's rounds
55 Columnist -- Bombeck
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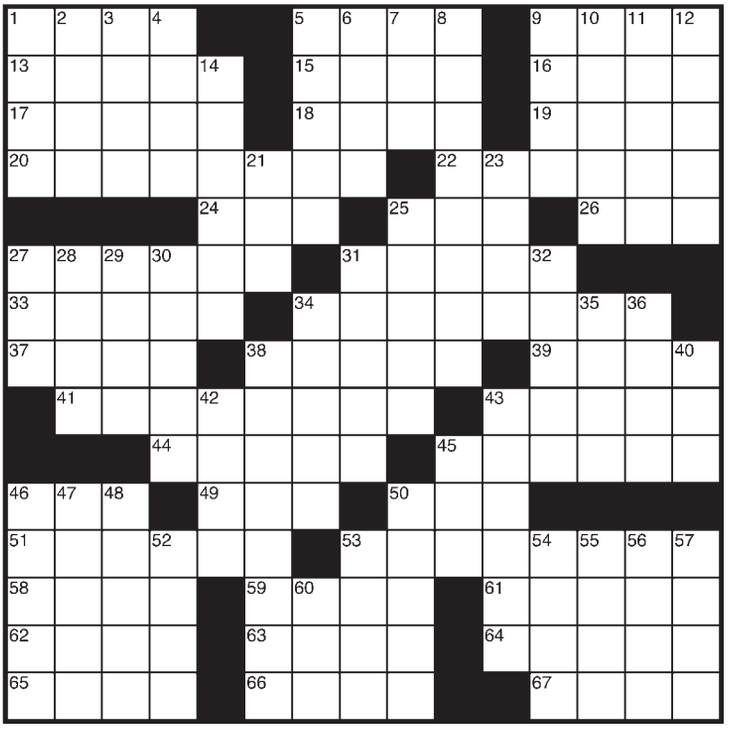
57 Stop working
60 Chart shape



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**Aries** A business trip or meeting will be educational. If you take time to think matters through, you will discover a way to benefit from what's being suggested.

**Taurus** Don't let a problem within important relationships dictate how your day unfolds. Do your best to meet someone halfway to complete what needs to be accomplished.

**Gemini** Get responsibilities out of the way and have some fun with the people you enjoy being with most. An unexpected encounter will give you something to think about.

**Cancer** You'll be tempted to take on too much or overspend on something you don't need. Stretch your dollars and pursue realistic changes. Romance is highlighted.

**Leo** A change will do you good. Taking a short trip or just hanging out with someone new will lead to interesting conversations and encounters.

**Virgo** Stay calm, no matter how demanding someone becomes. You'll stand a better chance of getting your way if you use persuasive charm to turn the tables.

**Libra** Don't spend what you don't have or try to impress someone with exaggerated stories. Stick to the truth and be who you are; you'll be appreciated for your honesty.

**Scorpio** A sensitive issue involving a friend or relative is best handled quietly. If you are too aggressive or telling in the way you air your concerns, the outcome will not favor you.

**Sagittarius** Clear up unfinished business so that you can enjoy downtime with family and friends. A change you want to make at home will require your undivided attention.

**Capricorn** Consider the consequences before you let your emotions take the reins. It's best to ease into any situation that could influence your position or reputation.

**Aquarius** You'll tend to overreact if you get into conversations with people who don't share your opinions. Walk away from anyone who is a poor influence.

**Pisces** Don't share your financial information or anything involving your health, a legal settlement or contract. An unusual opportunity will be worth a second look. EUGENIA LAST

**Yesterday's answers**

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